



# BUDDHISTS WORSHIP AND CEREMONIES

Buddhists don't believe in a powerful God, nor do they look upon Buddha as being divine. They do sometimes listen to monks read passages from Buddhist writings, but the monk is not looked upon as the leader of particular flock.



# WORSHIP

- ◆ Buddhists worship or meditation can be individual and in groups. Individual worship usually take place at home. When Buddhists worship as a group, they do so in the shrine room of a temple.





# lotus position

- ◆ In lotus position the meditator sits cross-legged and places each foot on the opposite thigh. For those who are not physical able to do that, there is a half-lotus position. Here only one foot is placed on opposite thigh. Others might meditate while standing or even walking slowly. Through meditation, they hope to make themselves calm and more aware from everything. Their ultimate goal, of course, is to become enlightened.





# WORSHIP





## SPECIAL CEREMONIES: BIRTH, DEATH AND MARRIAGE

- ◆ To the Buddhist the birth and death are not so important. What is important is the way people go about their daily lives. Being good and living a righteous life into a hope of being born into a higher state of goodness life. But still birth, marriage and death are meaningful to the average Buddhist.





# BIRTH



- ◆ In buddhism they are nit so exited about the birth as in other cultures, because they think that he come to the world that is full of suffering. When a child is born a family members make cradle and place the gifts around it. If the baby is a boy, the gifts might consist of books and tools. If the baby is a girl, such gifts as needles and threads are offered. Sometimes monks are present at the ceremony to chant and recite prayers.





# MARRIAGE



- ◆ Unlike most religions, buddhist marriage are regarded as social and not religious events. The marriage can be perform by family and friends of bride and groom. The couple,might stand in a special platform that is called purowa. Then they lights the candle. They may exchange rings and their right thumbs or right wrist might be tied together. This signifies their becoming one. Finally they repeat their marriage vows. If the monk is not on attendance to talk about buddhas teaching on marriage, the couple will go to a monastery either before or after the ceremony to get the instructions there.



# DEATH

- ◆ Buddhist funerals are not sad affairs. The funerals are intended to help the dead person attain a better birth. funeral rites and memorial services in south Asia are conducted by monks. Usually the cremation takes place within three days . They may also play games such as cards and dominoes. After all, the deceased is not really leaving the world. Death is a temporary period that lasts until the person undergoes rebirth into another life.





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